

**The Air Force Chaplain Candidate Program is an exciting opportunity for seminary students to evaluate their own adaptability and potential for commissioning as a chaplain. The focus is on experiencing ministry in the Air Force during summer tours of active duty. As a chaplain candidate, you will draw on your background, education, and experience to function as part of an Air Force chapel team. Upon entering the program, you will be commissioned a Chaplain Candidate, Second Lieutenant. When you graduate from seminary and are endorsed by your denomination, you will be eligible for reappointment as a Chaplain, First Lieutenant in the USAF Reserve.**

### **THE PROGRAM**

Chaplain Candidates attend a Commissioned Officer Training course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and a Chaplain Familiarization Course at the Air Force Chaplain Service Institute after completing one year of theological studies. They also perform short tours

of active duty at Air Force installations under the direct supervision of senior chaplains.

These programs will not conflict with any seminary-related programs. Chaplain Candidates receive full pay and allowances during periods of active duty training and school tours.

### **Benefits**

- ◆ Professional Schooling
- ◆ Exciting, Paid, Summer Internship
- ◆ Pluralistic Chapel Setting
- ◆ World Wide Community

### **Fringe Benefits**

While on active duty, you receive free medical, dental, legal and other services. You also benefit from monetary savings through the commissary and base exchange. Certain other benefits, such as space-available travel, are available.

When you complete your seminary program, you may apply for a chaplain position in the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard or active duty.

## **ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE**

### **TO BE A CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE YOU MUST:**

- ◆ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ◆ Be less than 35 years of age at the time of appointment. (Allow six months for processing.)
- ◆ Obtain approval from the agency of your denomination which endorses chaplains for the Armed Forces. Call our office (1-800-525-0102, ext 71241) if you need help in locating the name, address, or phone number of your endorsing agency.
- ◆ Be a **full-time** student in a seminary or theological school which is regionally accredited or accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, working toward a Master of Divinity or equivalent degree.
- ◆ Apply after enrollment in seminary, but not later than the fourth semester prior to graduation.
- ◆ Be able to complete approximately 100 days of training

- ◆ Meet Air Force requirements for commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Reserves. You can be commissioned after the Air Reserve Personnel Center favorably reviews at least one semester or quarter of your seminary work.

For further information about the Air Force Chaplain Candidate program please contact us at 800-525-0102, ext 71241, or via email at [hcx@arpc.denver.af.mil](mailto:hcx@arpc.denver.af.mil).



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